

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2004. Claims 8-10 and 245-47 are presented for examination, of which Claims 8, 10, 245 and 247 are in independent form. The other claims pending in the application have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and Claims 245-47 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 8-10, 20-22, and 207 would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Claims 8 and 10 have been so rewritten, and Claim 9 depends from Claim 8. In addition, Claims 245-47 are device claims corresponding respectively to method Claims 8-10, and are also deemed allowable for the same reasons as are the method claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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